

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

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NOEL M. MARCH, Clerk
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

STATE OF NEW MEXICO *ex rel.*
State Engineer,

Plaintiff,
v.

ROMAN ARAGON, *et al.*,

Defendants.

69cv07941 JEC-ACE

RIO CHAMA STREAM SYSTEM
Rutheron & Plaza Blanca, Section 7

WAIVER OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS

To: Edward G. Newville
State Engineer Office
P.O. Box 25102
Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102

I acknowledge receipt of your request that I waive service of a summons in the action of State of New Mexico *ex rel.* State Engineer v. Aragon, which is case number 69cv07941 JEC-ACE in the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico. I have also received a copy of the complaint in the action, two copies of this instrument, and a means by which I can return the signed waiver to you without cost to me.

I agree to save the cost of service of a summons and an additional copy of the complaint in this lawsuit by not requiring that I (or the entity on whose behalf I am acting) be served with judicial process in the manner provided by Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

I (or the entity on whose behalf I am acting) will retain all defenses or objections to the adjudication suit or to the jurisdiction or venue of the court except for objections based on a defect in the summons or in the service of the summons.

I understand that the time allowed within which I must answer the complaint was extended pursuant to the interim procedural order entered by the court on November 26, 2001, and that I am not obligated to file an answer until after the entry of a new procedural order that establishes a deadline for rejecting the terms of the State's proposed Consent Order.

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Wm. Horn WM. HORN
Signature RUTHERON MUTUAL Printed or typed name
 DOMESTIC WATER
 CONSUMERS ASSOC.

HC 75 Box 1007 RUTHERON, M 87551 12/5/02
Address Date

DUTY TO AVOID UNNECESSARY COSTS OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS

Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires certain parties to cooperate in saving unnecessary costs of service of the summons and complaint. A defendant located in the United States who, after being notified of an action and asked by a plaintiff located in the United States to waive service of a summons, fails to do so will be required to bear the cost of such service unless good cause be shown for its failure to sign and return the waiver.

It is not good cause for a failure to waive service that a party believes that the complaint is unfounded, or that the action has been brought in an improper place or in a court that lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter of the action or over its person or property. A party who waives service of the summons retains all defenses and objections (except any relating to the summons or to the service of the summons), and may later object to the jurisdiction of the court or to the place where the action has been brought.

A defendant who waives service must within the time specified on the waiver form serve on plaintiff's attorney (or unrepresented plaintiff) a response to the complaint and must also file a signed copy of the response with the court. If the answer or motion is not served within this time, a default judgment may be taken against the defendant. By waiving service, a defendant is allowed more time to answer than if the summons had been actually served when the request for waiver of service was received.